(b) whether the Tobaco Board has extended any financial assistance to the affected farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Tobacco Board has not proposed for any financial assistance to nursery growers because most of the nursery area has been raised by commercial nurserymen who are not registered with the Board.

Abolition of Child Labour by 2000 A.D.

1377. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have intimated all the State Governments that the child labour be abolished by 2000 A.D.

(b) if so, the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have drawn schemes in this regard; if so, the names of these States; and

(d) what measures are being taken to ensure abolition of child labour in the country by the stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) It is proposed to divert 20 lakh children working in hazardous occupations from work into education in a phased manner as under:—

1995-96	2.00 lakh
1996-97	4.00 lakh
1997-98	6.00 lakh
1998-99	6.00 lakh
1999-2000	2.00 lakh

During the current financial year, 63 additional projects under the National Child Labour Project Scheme have been sanctioned in addition to the 12 on-going ones. In all, around 1,36,000 children in 11 States namely, A.P., M.P. Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, U.P. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are being covered under the projects. For conducting surveys for identification of child labour engaged in hazardous occupations in different parts of the country, 123 districts have been given financial assistance during the current finanical year.

(d) Measures taken by Government to eliminate child labour, *inter alia*, include;

(i) Consultation with State Labour Ministers in the Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern regions on tackling the child labour problem effectively.

(ii) Constitution of National Authority on Elimination of Child Labour on 26th September, 1994 under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister.

(iii) Issue of a detailed Circular on "Identification, Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" to all the State Governments for necessary action.

(iv) Focussing of poverty alleviation and income generation programmes of the Government on the families of child labour with a view to economically strengthening them and encouraging them to send their children to school instead to work.

(v) Organisation of a Workshop for Collectors from the most child labour endemic districts in the country.

(vi) Financial assistance to 133 districts in the country for district level awarencess generation activities.

निर्माणाधीन विकास परियोजनाएं

1378. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में कई विकास योजनाएं निर्माणाधीन हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों में निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और कुल कितनी परियोजनाएं निर्माणाधीन हैं;